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Dear Mr. Lipton:

This letter is to acknowledge your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Office of the Solicitor in accordance with 5 U.S.C. §552(a). The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy (OASP) will conduct an agency search of records for the following:

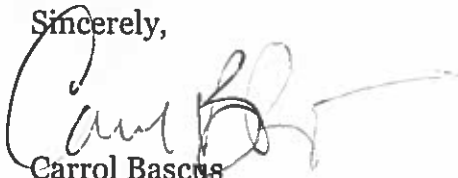
1. **"Budget materials for the years 2017, 2018, and 2019,"** all budget materials or plans applicable to offices responsible for processing and response to FOIA requests and appeals submitted to this Bureau and its offices.
2. **Staffing orders/reports/contacts for the years 2017 and 2018,** staffing reports and plans, including the count of employee numbers and for offices responsible for processing and responses to FOIA requests and appeals submitted to this Bureau and its offices.
 - If this report is available in a form that includes the total number of hours worked for FOIA personnel, that version would be preferred.
 - If reports are available for each month, that version is preferred.
3. **all staffing reports and plans for the year 2019**
 - If reports are available for each month, such a version is preferred.
4. **contact information,** including email addresses and phone numbers (if available), for each FOIA officer currently tasked with an open public records request.
5. **FOIA requester categories for the years 2017 and 2018,** the designated category of each requester of a FOIA request to this office, including those assigned to the following categories:
 - commercial;
 - educational and noncommercial scientific institutions;
 - representative of news media requester;
 - all other requesters

- If this information is kept in an aggregate form including the number of requesters by fee category by year, a copy of this report will suffice to fulfill this element of the request.
6. **FOIA fee waivers for the years 2017 and 2018**, the number of fee waivers granted by this office and, if available, the tracking numbers for the FOIA requests to which waivers were granted.
7. **FOIA fee collection for the years 2017 and 2018**, any report capturing the following information:
- total estimated processing and copy fees quoted to FOIA requesters
 - total processing and copy fees collected by this Bureau from each fee category
- If this information is kept in an aggregate form, such as a FOIA log, that material would be sufficient to satisfy the bullet points "FOIA requester categories" and "FOIA fee collection" if it captures the following information:
 - FOIA tracking number
 - requester fee category
 - amount processing and copy fees associated with the request
 - the status of the requester's payment for the request"

Also, "[I]n the event that there are fees," you would like us to inform you of the total charges in advance of fulfilling request.

You may contact the OASP FOIA Coordinator Terry Fryer, at fryer.terry.l@dol.gov when inquiring about the status of your FOIA request, and refer to the FOIA Tracking number referenced-above.

Sincerely,



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Administrative Officer